

**House File 43 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the issuance of an early bow season deer  
2 hunting license.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, Code 2015, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. The commission shall provide by rule  
4 for the annual issuance to a resident of an early bow season  
5 deer hunting license to take antlered deer only that is valid  
6 for use only during the period beginning on August 30 and  
7 ending on the day before the third Saturday in September. A  
8 person who receives a deer hunting license for the early bow  
9 season is not eligible for a regular bow season deer hunting  
10 license. However, a person who is issued an early bow season  
11 deer hunting license and does not take a deer during the early  
12 bow season may use the deer hunting license and unused tag to  
13 take a deer of either sex during any regular bow season that is  
14 established by the commission. The commission shall determine  
15 the number of early bow season deer hunting licenses that will  
16 be available for issuance each year, the number of days each  
17 license issued is valid, and the zone in which the license  
18 issued is valid.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill requires the natural resource commission to  
23 provide by rule for the annual issuance to a resident of an  
24 early bow season deer hunting license to take antlered deer  
25 only that is valid for use only from August 30 through the day  
26 before the third Saturday in September. The commission shall  
27 determine the number of early bow season deer hunting licenses  
28 that will be available for issuance each year, and the number  
29 of days and the zone in which such licenses will be valid. A  
30 person who receives an early bow season license is not eligible  
31 to receive a regular bow season deer hunting license. However,  
32 if a person who is issued an early bow season license does not  
33 take a deer during early bow season, the license and unused  
34 tag may be used by that person during any regular bow season  
35 established by the commission.

1     Currently, there is a split regular bow season for deer  
2 hunting that runs from October 1 through the Friday before the  
3 first Saturday in December and from the Monday following the  
4 third Saturday in December through January 10 of the following  
5 year. The special bow season for deer hunting by youth and by  
6 persons who are severely disabled runs for 16 consecutive days  
7 beginning on the third Saturday in September.